

**Self Employment to educated unemployed rural youth through SSI**

3391. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any necessary steps are being taken by Government for providing self-employment to the educated rural unemployed youths by setting up Small Scale Industries in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government are encouraging Small Industries in the different parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has taken several measures to encourage small scale industries which include special focus on areas such as technology upgradation, timely availability of credit, adoption of modern management practices, use of electronic infrastructure and other information Technology (IT) applications, marketing assistance and timely information dissemination including sensitization of small industries to the emerging challenges of trade liberalisation. Policy programmes such as National Programmes for rural industrialization (NPRI) with an objective to set up 100 rural clusters each year and the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana has been launched with special emphasis on the promotion of industry and self employment opportunities in rural and backward areas. A credit guarantee fund scheme has been announced to guarantee repayment of loans extended by banks up to Rs. 10.00 lakhs without collateral.

- (d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

**Agro and Rural Industries in Jammu and Kashmir**

3392. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) investment made in Jammu and Kashmir State for Agro and Rural Industries till date;

(b) whether the union Government have prepared a list of Agro and Rural Industries entitled to various benefits/concessions and loan in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total number of beneficiaries and the total amount of loans granted under each category and details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) :** (a) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has provided Rs. 1654.27 lakhs as grant, Rs. 2814.01 lakhs as budgetary loan and Rs. 954.20 lakhs as Consortium Bank Credit (CBC) loan from 1953-54 to 1999- 2000 to the State of Jammu and Kashmir for Khadi and Village Industries Programmes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The KVIC has provided financial assistance to 1.23 lakh beneficiaries upto 1998-99.

#### **Financial Assistance to Khadi and Village Industries**

**3393. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL:** Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance granted by Khadi and Village Industries Commission to the people of rural areas in States of Uttar Pradesh, Delhi Rajasthan, Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh, district-wise; and

(b) the details and the number of beneficiaries to whom loans provided during the last three years?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):** (a) The KVIC is providing assistance to State Khadi and Village Industries Boards and registered institutions etc. The details of financial assistance provided by the KVIC to Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan, Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh are given in the statement-I (See below) District-wise information is not maintained.